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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **UM PROGRAMS SELECTED AS FINALISTS FOR PARTNERSHIP AWARD**

#### **MISSOULA-**

Two University of Montana programs are among the three finalists for the Montana Campus Compact's Jimmy and Rosalyn Carter Partnership Award for Campus-Community Collaboration.

The award recognizes exceptional work by campus-community partnerships across the state. Finalists were chosen by a selection committee of representatives from the nonprofit, higher education, government, faith-based and corporate sectors. The committee also recognized two partnerships with honorable mentions. The winning partnership will be announced at a dinner ceremony Friday, May 21, at UM's Adams Center and will receive a \$10,000 cash prize.

The three finalists are:

- **"Reaching At-Risk Seniors,"** a partnership between Montana Tech of The University of Montana Nursing Department and Belmont Senior Citizen's Center in **Butte**.  
Working with the senior center, students monitor and improve the health of seniors in Butte-Silver Bow County at the community center and low-income housing units throughout the community.
- **"Harvesting Community,"** a partnership between UM's Program in Ecological

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Agriculture and Society and Garden City Harvest, a Missoula nonprofit organization. A 6.5 acre plot of knapweed was turned into a hands-on learning environment garden for students and faculty members. Students and community volunteers distribute fresh produce from the land to local food pantries and soup kitchens.

- **“Making a Difference,”** a partnership between the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes’ Early Childhood Services Program and Salish Kootenai College. The group addresses a severe shortage of teachers by increasing the number of qualified teachers in early childhood education on Flathead Indian Reservation. Faculty members and students work with tribal leaders and community members to gain expertise in culturally sensitive curriculum development.

The partnerships that received honorable mentions are:

- **“Community Resource Center,”** a partnership between Montana State University-Billings and United Way of Yellowstone County that works to prevent youth substance abuse and
- **“Beyond the Circle,”** a partnership between the University of Great Falls and the Transition Center: Great Falls Pre-release Service that plans and implements effective parenting classes for incarcerated parents who want to reunite with their families.

The finalists and honorable mentions were selected from 17 campus-community partnerships across the state.

The Carter Partnership Award is a tribute to Jimmy and Rosalyn Carter’s lifelong efforts to build and strengthen safe, healthy and caring communities throughout the world. The 2004 award is sponsored by Washington Corporations, KECI-TV and individual supporters.



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